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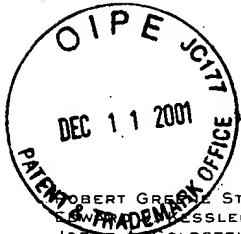
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For: **Galectin 9 Polypeptides**
Inventors: Ni *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0560002/EKS/ALS

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

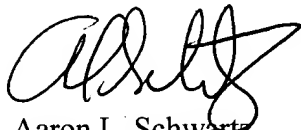
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Respectfully submitted,

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In reply to the Office Action dated September 11, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 17), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

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